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Michael Marinelli
Office of General Counsel
Federal Elections Commission

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Dear Mr. Marinelli:

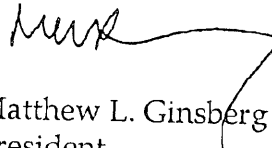
This letter is a response to your question of 5 August.

Give to USA does not ask permission of the politicians mentioned on our web site. There are two reasons for this:

- As can be seen from the web site, we are willing to collect donations for any race in the country, including state races. We did not feel that it would be practical for us to contact every political candidate in every race.
- Perhaps more important, it is essential to us that we remain unbiased in every case. We do not want to be in a position where we have received permission from a candidate but not from his or her opponent. That might give the impression that we favored one candidate over the other. As arose in a discussion with a member of Congress on this issue, we also want very much to avoid a potential situation where the fact that a candidate had withheld permission itself became an election issue because the candidate could be accused of not supporting charitable causes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



Matthew L. Ginsberg
President